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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRC PLANS TO RAISE SIKKIM ISSUE IN UNGA

1. RUMORS CIRCULATING IN PEKING ARE THAT THE CHINESE WILL FOLLOW THEIR TOUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ISSUED YESTERDAY ON INDIA'S ACTION IN SIKKIM WITH A MOVE TO HAVE ISSUE DEBATED IN THE UNITED NATIONS. THE SEPTEMBER 11 STATEMENT CONDEMNED INDIA'S "COLONIAL ANNEXATION" OF SIKKIM, SAID THE PRC DID NOT RECOGNIZE IT, PLEDGED "FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE SIKKIM PEOPLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY AND AGAINST INDIAN EXPANSIONISM". ITALIAN CHARGE TOLD US THAT CHINA, NEPAL, AND PAKISTAN WOULD COOPERATE IN PUSHING SIKKIM ISSUE IN UNGA.

2. PAKISTANI EMBOFF ANSWERED OUR QUERY ON RUMOR WITH
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CAREFULLY PHRASED "THERE HAVE BEEN NO DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER

BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HERE IN PEKING." HE DID SUGGEST THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF A UN RESOLUTION CONDEMNING INDIA FOR ITS ACTION, AFFIRMING SIKKIMESE INDEPENDENCE, AND CALLING ON INDIA TO RESPECT THE 1950 TREATY MIGHT BE A LOGICAL STEP FOR THE CHINESE TO TAKE. HE ADDED THAT THIS ISSUE COULD WELL BE DISCUSSED WHEN CH'IAO KUAN-HUA STOPS OFF IN PAKISTAN ("ABOUT A WEEK AFTER THE UN SESSION OPENS") ON HIS WAY TO NEW YORK TO ATTEND THE UNGA. HE OFFERED AS HIS "PERSONAL OPINION" THAT NEPAL WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO CHALLENGE THE INDIANS SO DIRECTLY AS TO SPONSOR A CONDEMNATION OF THEIR ACTIONS IN SIKKIM.

3. COMMENT: PAKISTANI RESPONSE HARDLY CONSTITUTED A DENIAL THAT CHINESE AND PAKISTANIS WERE CONTEMPLATING A MOVE AGAINST THE INDIANS IN THE UNITED NATIONS. THE CHINESE, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO USE THE UNITED NATIONS IN THIS WAY IN THE PAST AND THEY WOULD PROBABLY ALSO WANT NEPAL AS A SPONSOR OF ANY SUCH EFFORT TO BROADEN ITS BASE.

4. THIS IS FIRST CONFIRMATION THAT WE HAVE HAD THAT CH'IAO KUAN-HUA WILL LEAD PRC DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AGAIN THIS YEAR.
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